

# MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND

## Physician Information Bulletin #1

### NEWS & NOTES

#### APPLICATION REVIEW WORKSHOPS PLANNED

This is an opportunity for applicants to bring partially or completed Uncompensated Care and On-call applications for MHCC staff review and guidance.

**SUBURBAN HOSPITAL**  
The Atrium, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 – 3pm

**MHCC Public Meeting**  
Room in Baltimore  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3pm

**ROBINWOOD MEDICAL CENTER, Room 122**  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3pm

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◆MHCC to award auditing contract in March 2004 for uncompensated care and on-call application audits to begin in June.

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◆Uncompensated Care & On-Call applications for services provided between October 1, 2003 & March 31, 2004 can be submitted between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 31<sup>st</sup>.

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◆Maryland Medicaid paid the first Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund claim in January.

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◆MVA collected approximately \$6.1 million for the Fund as of February.

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## Medicaid Participation Required

- ◆ Trauma physicians must participate in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) to receive payment for treating Medicaid patients. Participation in Medicaid enables a trauma physician to receive up to 100 percent of the current Medicare rate in the Baltimore carrier locality when providing trauma services.
- ◆ Rule of thumb:
  1. Physician must have a participating Medicaid provider number to bill Medicaid for trauma services.
  2. Physician must be providing trauma care to a **non-Medicaid patient** to submit an uncompensated care application for services provided to that patient. *A physician is not eligible for uncompensated care payments if the patient is a Medicaid enrollee or eligible for medical assistance and has begun the application process to receive benefits.*
- ◆ **NON-MEDICAID PROVIDERS** may enroll at <https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/Portal/provWelcome.jsp> Please allow several days for application processing.

Paper application forms are available by contacting Medicaid Provider Relations: 410-767-5503 or 1-800-445-1159



**EXAMPLE:** A non-participating Medicaid Shock Trauma physician provides care to a Medicaid enrollee suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile collision. The physician submits an uncompensated care application with the Medicaid enrollee's information listed with other non-Medicaid enrollees. The Fund will pay the Shock Trauma physician for only the non-Medicaid patients listed on the uncompensated care application. The physician receives no reimbursement for the Medicaid patient.

**QUESTION:** I already have a very busy private practice and cannot afford to add significant numbers of Medicaid patients but I would like to obtain a payment when I treat a Medicaid trauma patient.

**ANSWER:** A physician can limit the number of Medicaid patients he/she treats. It is also possible to limit treatment to particular types of care, such as trauma services.